

## DEATHS

**Rex Palmer Lowman**, 82, a former professor of economics and chairman of the Economics Department at Gallaudet University, died May 9 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital of a blood clot in his lung. Before joining Gallaudet University, he did economics-related work at the Census Bureau, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Brookings Institution. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Christine, two children, a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Elizabeth J. Lewis**, 82, who worked for the Census Bureau for 29 years before retiring as a statistician, died of emphysema May 4 at Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Her marriage to James Lewis ended in divorce. A son died in 1996. Survivors include two sons, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Jack Griffen Faucett**, 81, died of congestive heart failure May 24 at his home in Bethesda, MD. He began his decades-long career in 1948 as an economist with the Census Bureau, and later moved to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He established a consulting firm in 1963. He developed a state-by-state input-output model for the Department of Health and Human Services, and he also conducted studies on public policy development in the areas of transportation and energy. His wife of 32 years, Hilda, died in 1979. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Helena, four children from his first marriage, and eight grandchildren.

**Maria Davidson**, 89, died June 12 at Sibley Hospital in D.C. after surgery for a broken hip. Dr. Davidson graduated from college in her native Poland before hiding there, a Jew posing as a Catholic, during World War II. She came to the United States in 1947, received a doctorate in sociology from New York University, and joined the federal government in 1964. She worked for the National Institutes of Health and the Social Security Administration before coming to the Census Bureau. She retired from Census in 1982 as a demographic statistician. She left no immediate survivors.

**Edward James** died on June 19 following a long recuperation from major surgery. He lived in a nursing home in Maryland after becoming ill with Alzheimer's Disease. Prior to that illness, he and his wife Katherine lived in Florida. James started in the

Field Division at the Census Bureau in 1948. He left Census and worked at the IRS and OPM for a few years before returning to Census and finishing his career in Population and Agriculture Divisions, retiring in January 1981.

**Newton Booth Knox**, 91, died of pneumonia May 11 at Montgomery General Hospital (MD).

Following World War II, he became an overseas consultant in the Census Bureau's foreign service technical aid division in South America. For 20 years before his retirement in 1971, he worked for AID and its predecessor agencies in Latin America, North Africa, and Vietnam. He lived in Washington and Silver Spring between overseas assignments. Survivors include his wife Estelle, two sons, and four grandchildren.

**William C. ("Bill") Matney, Jr.**, 76, died June 13 of respiratory failure following hip replacement surgery at Civista Medical Center in LaPlata, MD. Matney was credited by the Associated Press as being the first black correspondent to work for NBC News, which he joined in 1963. In 1966 he won an Emmy Award for his civil rights coverage. He was a founding editor and consulting editor with "Who's Who Among Black Americans." From 1979 until retiring in 1993, he was a senior public affairs coordinator with the Census Bureau. While at the Bureau, he helped create seminars for the press to acquaint them with the resources of the Census Bureau. He also helped create a seminar for Census employees titled "Communicating in an MTV World," which taught participants how to hold their own as guests on talk shows. Survivors include a daughter from his first marriage, two children from his second marriage, and three grandchildren.

**Martin J. Brennan, Sr.**, 73, died of complications related to liver cancer July 19 at Inova Fairfax (VA) hospital. Marty began his career at the Census Bureau in 1950, and his work included managerial positions and helping launch the automation process for retrieving census data. He retired in 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Theresa, four sons, a sister, and five grandchildren.

**Jeanne E. Griffith**, 51, died of breast cancer on August 3 in Arlington, VA. In the 1970s and early 1980s she did statistical work at the Census Bureau, at Fairfax County's Office of Research and Statistics, and at the Office of Management and Budget. She was director of the National Science Foundation's science resources studies division from 1996 until